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Mr. Mel Coonrod, Director
Permitting and Compliance
Co-op Mining Company
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RE: Plans Submitted July 18, 1983
Bear Canyon Mine
ACT/015/025, #7

Dear Mr. Coonrod:

This letter is in response to questions which were raised in our meeting of July 19, 1983 concerning the status of the various violations which exist presently at the Co-op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine.

During our meeting, you requested that your submittal dated July 18, 1983 be considered for several violations which presently exist. After reviewing the material contained in your submittal, the following has been determined. The material is applicable to violations N83-5-7-1, N83-5-3-3 one and two of three (part one being only a clarification), and N83-5-8-3 three of three. Violation N83-5-2-2 two of two is really not dealt with in any measureable extent in your submittal, and therefore, will not be considered as abatement material for this violation.

During the meeting, you expressed concern about the violations which presently are on the books and the abatement of these occurring in a logical sequence. In examining the violations which exist, there appear to be only three which are related. Violation N83-5-8-3 two and three of three and violation N83-5-2-2 two of two are related in the area of hydrology. However, in a closer examination it appears that given a few simple assumptions, there is nothing which would impede the submission of complete and adequate plans to abate these violations. The drainage area of the disturbed portion of the upper pad substation and portal area can be sized and appropriately routed

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through the disturbed area ditch which runs adjacent to the crusher pad. The sediment pond can be sized adequately with the information gained from the upper area drainage. The other violations which currently are on the books do not appear to be interrelated in such a fashion that would prevent in any way Co-op Mining Company from submitting complete and adequate plans or undertaking abatement measures.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this matter. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding any of the above matters.

Sincerely,



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RECLAMATION HYDROLOGIST

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cc: Wendell Owen, Co-op Mining Company
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